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the story so far

Things have never been more confused, the danger never greater. Vampirella has seen the grimmest of futures: the death of billions at the hands of Lady Death and the heinous Dr. Midwinter. Poisoned by the blood of Lady Death and dealt a fatal wound from the Spear of Destiny, Vampi dies.

Her soul lives on though by some mystical accident, and is thrown back in time...reincarnated during a performance by Pendragon.

Vampi finds herself in 1969...the dawn of the Age of Aquarius. Haunted by what she saw in the future, Vampi must now find the key to the genocide: The Scarab of Atum-Ra.

The Scarab, which will eventually unlock the powers of creation enabling Midwinter to bring about the coming holocaust, is now in the hands of its entrusted guardian—Pantha. When Vampi finds her, she isn't a take-no-prisoners ass-kicker—instead, she's starring in a movie! Caught in the transition between cycles of immortality, Pantha is going through cosmic "amnesia" and doesn't know her true self.

Ever the party girl, Pantha hooks up with a bunch of bikers whose motives are at best, not chivalrous. They invite her to a party where she learns their true intentions to bring down society. Vampirella senses the danger and goes to save her friend. Somehow, though, the bikers get the best of her and put off "taking the man down" to have a little fun....

LOS ANGELES, 1969:
UNLESS YOU COUNT TEETH AND CLAWS--
LAPD HOMICIDE:
--FORENSICS SAY NO WEAPONS WERE USED ON CASTAVET AND HIS PLAYMATES.
CHRIST, MIKE--SOME KINDA ANIMAL DID ALL THIS?!
YEAH, THE CLOSEST MATCH--BASED ON THE HAIR SAMPLES WE RECOVERED--IS SOMETHING LIKE THIS. TAKE A LOOK.
FORENSICS ALSO FOUND TRACES OF HUMAN SALIVA AND LATENT PRINTS ON SOME OF THE BODIES.
I'D HATE TO BE THE POOR SCHMUCK THAT GETS TO SLAP THE BRACELETS ON THIS F@*#ING THING!
MOTHERF@*#ING ZOO-KEEPERS WE AIN'T!
IT GETS BETTER,
YOU'RE S#*%ING ME, RIGHT?
I WISH I WAS, JACK--BUT SOMEONE AT THAT PARTY...

"--HAD A *TASTE FOR HUMAN BLOOD!*"

FIVE EMPTY CHAMBERS STAND BETWEEN THIS *CATGIRL* AND *KITTY HEAVEN!*

WHAT HAVE YOU *DONE* TO HER, YOU *BASTARD*?!

DONE? I'VE PUT HER I TOUCH WITH HER *ANIMAL SPIRIT GUIDE.*

BLOOD AND *MAGIC*-- *THAT'S* WHERE THE *POWER* IS AND I'M GIVING YOU ODDS *OF FIVE TO ONE* TO TELL ME THE SECRET!

HOW DOES IT *WORK*? WHAT MAKES YOU WHAT YOU *ARE*?

GET ME OUT OF THESE *CHAINS*--

AND I'LL *SHOW* YOU, SCUMBAG!

DO I *LOOK* STUPID, *BLOOD-BITCH*?!

"FIVE TO ONE, BABY--

"--ONE TO FIVE.

KER-KLIK

"*NOBODY HERE* GETS OUT *ALIVE!*"

BIG *TALK* FROM A GUY WHO *DID* JUST HAVE A *GUN IN HIS POCKET!*

IS *THAT* WHY YOU NEED TO *DRUG* AND *TIE UP* GIRLS?

YOU'VE GOT A SMART MOUTH, BITCH!
I KNOW IT'S BLOOD YOU DIG, BABY--
-- BUT TRY SUCKING ON SOMETHING HARDER FOR A CHANGE!
NO...
DON'T DO IT!
I... I'LL TELL YOU!
NO, PANTHA-- DON'T TELL THIS S#!% ANYTHING!
SHE CAN'T HELP IT, MAN. THE BLOOD AND THE DRUG ARE EMPTYING HER MIND.
SHE'S JUST AN ANIMAL NOW-- PURE INSTINCT. SHE'LL DO ANYTHING TO SURVIVE!
START TALKING, BITCH-- AND I MIGHT JUST LET YOU LIVE.
IT'S MAGIC YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT, RIGHT?
THE SOURCE OF VAMPIRELLA'S POWERS...

"A GUY CALLED PENDRAGON-- HE KNOWS ALL THE ANSWERS.
AH YES, THE ACID BATH of TERROR
CAUTION!
Show Biz
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE I ATTEMPTED ...HICE...THIS ILLUSION?
NOT SINCE I ...HICE... ASTONISHED THE ASSEMBLED CROWNED HEADS OF EUROPE ...URPE... IN '52!
TOXIC ACID
RAMY XO
"HE RUNS THE BLACK CAT TALENT AGENCY.
RAMY XO
--BACK WHEN MAGIC... WAS...HICE ...FUN.
"HE'S A MAGICIAN.
--ULPP!
"--IN TOUCH WITH POWERFUL SPIRITS.
VAMPI IS RIGHT--I SHOUD ...HICE...TAKE MORE WATER WITH IT!
STILL, IT WOULD BE...HICE... NICE TO REVIVE THE OLD ACID BATH TRICK...
"A MAGUS OF THE HIGHEST LEVEL."
EVEN IF I CAN'T ...HICE...REVIVE MY PREVIOUS ...HICE... ASSISTANT!
CAUTIO

"BUT VAMPIRELLA AND PANTHA ARE...:HIC:... MORE RESILIANT THAN MERE MORTALS!"
WASTE THE BITCHES, WHILE I CHECK OUT THIS PENDRAGON DUDE!
MAN, LOOK AT THIS CHICK'S EYES!
SHE'S REALLY TRIPPIN' ON ALL THAT BLOOD AND S#@%!
HEY, I CAN DIG IT!
TIME TO TUNE IN, TURN ON, AND CHECK OUT, BABY!
HEY, SAVE SOME FOR ME--
VROOOMM
"--CAUSE THERE AIN'T GONNA BE NOTHIN' LEFT OF HER FRIEND!"
YOU GUYS ARE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE!
NOT JUST WITH ME...

"...BUT WITH PANTHA.
"BLOOD AND MAGIC...
"...THEY'RE THE SOURCE OF HER POWER, TOO.
"SONNY WAS RIGHT--SHE IS JUST AN ANIMAL NOW.
"PURE INSTINCT...
"...AND SHE'LL DO ANYTHING TO SURVIVE!"
OH... OH S#@%!

RRROOAAAWRRR

HOLY S#*%, MAN!

WHAT THE F#@ℰ DID SONNY DO TO THAT CHICK?!

HE PUT HER IN TOUCH WITH HER *ANIMAL SPIRIT GUIDE*, MORONS!

WASN'T THAT THE *IDEA*?!

HOLY CRAP!

--OR DID I *MISS* SOMETHING?!

UHHN-- WHAT'S THE *HURRY*?

THE *PARTY'S* JUST STARTING TO *SWING!*

MMROWWRR
WELL, KITTY KITTY!
BACK TO YOUR OLD SELF, I SEE!
VAMPI, I FEEL KINDA STRANGE. WHAT'S GOING ON?!
PENDY SAID YOU BECAME SO LOST IN YOUR HUMAN IDENTITY THAT YOU FORGOT WHO--AND WHAT--YOU REALLY ARE!
...GUESS YOU'VE BEEN CURED!
I REMEMBER MEETING YOU AND PENDY AND--
--ISIS! THE SCARAB!!
WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE FAST--
PENDY'S IN DANGER AND SO IS THE SCARAB!

LAPD HOMICIDE:
EVERYONE AT THE CASTAVET PARTY HAS BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR--COOLING WHAT'S LEFT OF THEIR SORRY ASSSES AT THE MORGUE!
EVERYONE --THAT IS-- EXCEPT YOU.
WHAT DID THEY TRY TO DO TO YOU?
CASTAVET WAS A SICK F#@% --I FIGURE YOU GAVE HIM AND HIS CRONIES EXACTLY WHAT THEY DESERVED.
IT IS YOU, ISN'T IT KITTEN?
AND SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IT!
BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
BECAUSE I KNOW WHO YOU ARE...
...AND WHAT YOU ARE.
Black Cat
TALENT AGENCY
73 Poncharello Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90015

"AND I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE TO FIND YOU!"
SO THIS IS IT, HUH?
THE EYE OF THE FRIGGIN' UNIVERSE!
WITH THIS IN MY HAND I CAN CONTROL EVERYTHING.
YOU'LL SHOW ME HOW IT WORKS, IF YOU DIG BREATHING, MAN!
VOOM VOOM VOOM
"YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE I'M SERIOUS...
"CAUSE BY NOW THOSE TWO BITCHES OF YOURS ARE COYOTE FOOD!"
DAVID BOGART D.
KELVIN R.
KAMNING
MAN, IT'S ALL HERE!
HELTER SKELTER--THE F#@%ING USER'S MANUAL!

"ALL I NEED TO BRING THE PIGS DOWN!"
"SEEMS THE BLACK CAT TALENT AGENCY OPERATES OUT OF A WAREHOUSE IN THE LOW RENT DISTRICT. IT'S OWNED BY A WASHED-UP, LUSH MAGICIAN CALLS HIMSELF PENDRAGON.
"THAT'S THE CITY OF ANGELS --EVERYONE'S GOT AN ACT!"
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AFTER TONIGHT, THE SYSTEM'S GONNA PAY!
THE WHITE RACE IS GONNA RISE AND TAKE BACK THE POWER!
"AMERICA'S GONNA GET A F#@%ING ENEMA, MAN!--"
--STARTING RIGHT HERE IN LA LA LAND...
HUH?

KER-RAASHH
VAMPIRELLA!
IN THE FLESH, PENDY!
AARRGHHH!
HSSSSSSS
HEADS UP, BITCHES!

GIVE IT UP NOW!
UNLESS YOU WANNA SEE THIS OLD S#!%'S HEAD AND BODY SEPARATED IN A VERY ENTERTAINING WAY!
DAMMIT, HE'S GOT PENDRAGON, VAMPIRELLA!
HE HAD PENDRAGON!
CRAZY BITCH!
VAMP!-- NO!
SNIK
"HAD" BEING THE OPERATIVE WORD!
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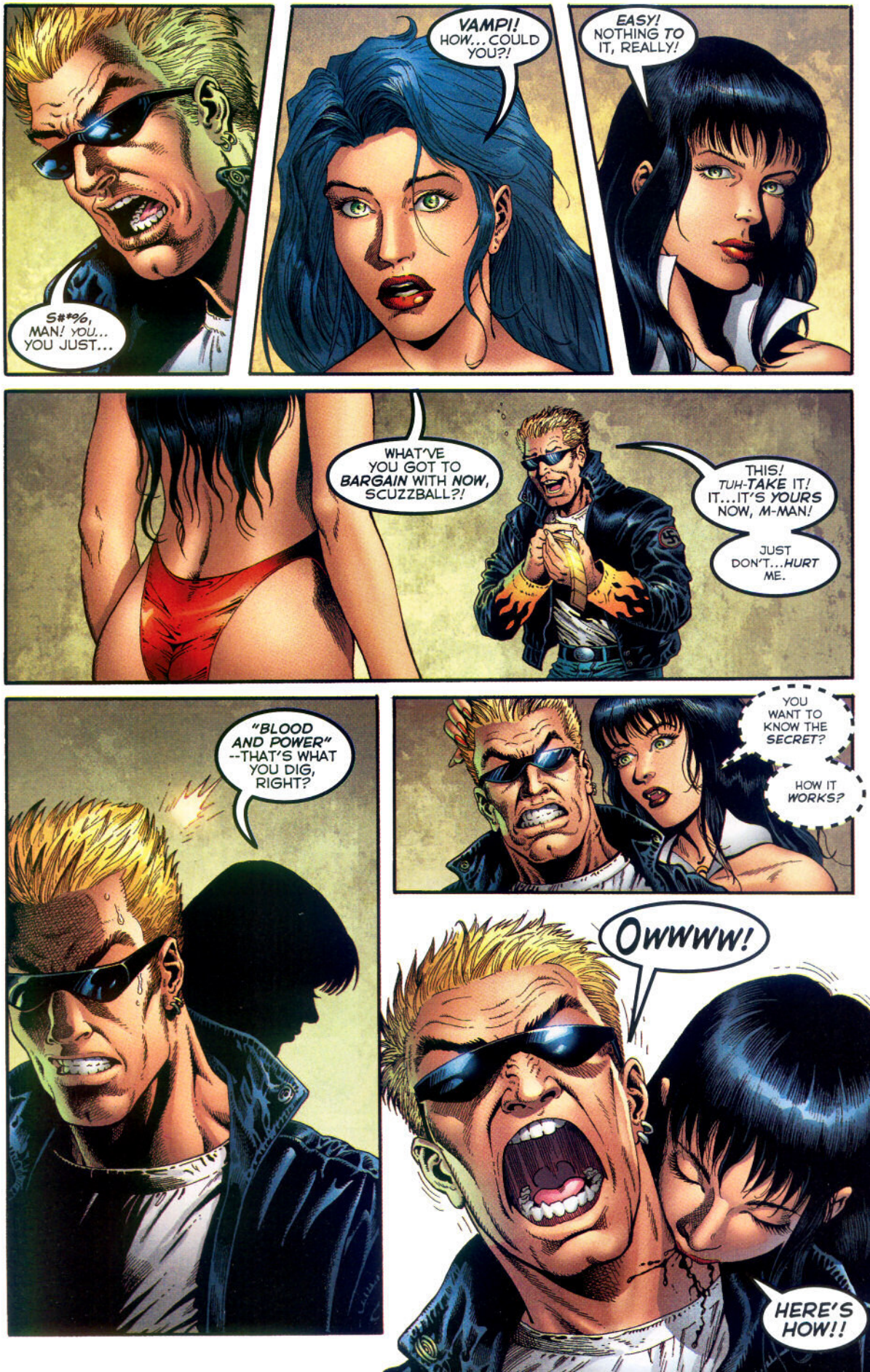

S#*%, MAN! YOU... YOU JUST...
VAMP! HOW... COULD YOU?!
EASY! NOTHING TO IT, REALLY!
WHAT'VE YOU GOT TO BARGAIN WITH NOW, SCUZZBALL?!
THIS! TUH-TAKE IT! IT...IT'S YOURS NOW, M-MAN!
JUST DON'T...HURT ME.
"BLOOD AND POWER" --THAT'S WHAT YOU DIG, RIGHT?
YOU WANT TO KNOW THE SECRET?
HOW IT WORKS?
OWWWW!
HERE'S HOW!!

NO, VAMP!
HEY-- WHAT'S THE IDEA?
THERE'S BEEN MORE THAN ENOUGH KILLING TONIGHT.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF FIGHTING THESE CREEPS, IF WE JUST END UP BECOMING THEM?!
WHAT...WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
"THE WORLD IS ALREADY SICK WITH VIOLENCE AND HATRED.
"IT HAS TO END BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
"YOU CAN'T DEFEAT THE VEILS OF THE PAST BY RESORTING TO THEIR METHODS."
I GUESS YOU'VE GOT A POINT.
WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND, RIGHT?
AND SPEAKING OF WHAT "COMES AROUND"--

--I SUPPOSE IT'S TIME I MADE MY RE-APPEARANCE!
PENDRAGON!
HOW?!
THE ART OF ILLUSION, MY DEAR.
NOTHING HERE IS QUITE WHAT IT SEEMS!
THE GUILLOTINE IS PART OF THE ACT!
IT CAN'T HURT ANYONE-- BUT "EASY RIDER" DIDN'T KNOW THAT!
1919
THE FUTURE? WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, VAMPI?
NOW I CAN GET BACK TO THE FUTURE --WITH BOTH YOUR HELP!
IF I CAN'T GO BACK, THEY'LL BE NO FUTURE, PANTHA!
THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME TO EXPLAIN!
YOU'RE... ALREADY... S#*%-OUT-OF-TIME, BITCH--
VAMPI-- LOOK OUT!

BLAMM
KER-SPLAASSHH
AARRGHHHH!
FSSTTTT
TALK ABOUT A BAD ACID TRIP!
UURRGG --KK-- AAGHHH
WHO THE HELL--?!

IT'S THE FUZZ, BABY--LAPD HOMICIDE.
OFFICIALLY, I'M NOT HERE.
SO EVERYBODY BE COOL!
'CAUSE BELIEVE IT OR NOT WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE HERE.
SURE, MAYBE I'M A COP--
--BUT FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS, I'M A FOLLOWER OF THE TRUE PATH...THE CULT OF THE CAT DEITY, BAST.
SWORN TO SERVE AND PROTECT HER EARTHLY INCARNATION, THE DEMI-GODDESS, PANTHA!
TO BE CONCLUDED IN:
VAMPIRELLA VERSUS LadyDeath:
"THE END!"

BLOOD TYPE

SURE, sure, our artists may be creative geniuses, and our writers may achieve unimaginable heights of literary brilliance, but we know that it's really the words of your fellow fans that keep you diggin' under the cushions for change and comin' back for more. Hence, our letters column.

Yet in your enduring effort to win our hearts with your heaps of mail, there are certain questions that do come up over and over again. For that reason, we give you this one-time-only handy reference guide:

VAMPIRELLA FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. That Seth sure is an egomaniac. How do you stand working with him?

"Seth's toys always seem to end up attacking Phil...poor Phil

Good question. Seth is quite a diva at the office, but beneath that "cool" exterior beats the heart of a gentle lamb. We put up with his mood swings because at the end of the night, he buys us drinks and lets us play with his action figures.

2. Why is my order taking so long?

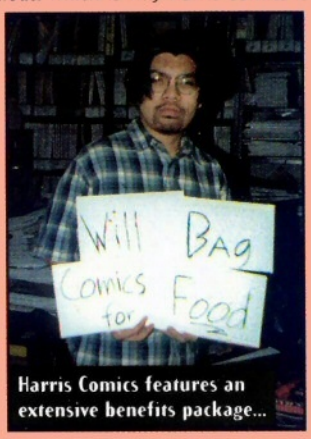
Ladies and Gentlemen, we understand that our comics are so incredible. It must seem as if we have a full-time, round-the-clock staff of hundreds of tiny, nimble elves at our disposal. But although we do occasionally dress David Bogart up in an elf costume, we are pretty much just a few regular people, rushing about to meet monstrous deadlines and fulfill mountains of orders. So if your stuff takes awhile, please don't send us hate mail, because then we'll just make a picture of you and throw darts at it. If you ordered something, then trust us, we will send it. If the wait becomes truly unbearable (8 weeks or more), then write or e-mail us at horrornet@aol.com with all pertinent information (especially your name & address—we're not psychics here, folks), and we'll happily take care of you.

3. I love Vampirella, but it's difficult for me to get every issue. Should I set myself on fire and throw myself off the nearest bridge?

NO, fans. Suicide is not the answer. Until recently, those of you without easy access to a good comic retailer had no choice but to order each issue separately from us, which can cause undue stress, strain, and, in some cases, horrible acne. We understand that your time is valuable, and your complexion precious, which is why Harris Comics is now offering a Vampirella subscription plan through our website, www.vampirella.com. For only $34.95, Vampi will arrive at your mailbox every month—a dream come true!!! And if you don't have a computer—stay tuned—we'll be offering subscriptions through other channels soon!!!

4. If you guys are so busy, why don't you hire someone?

What a fabulous idea! We took this wise advice and found ourselves a ripe, young intern—a hard-workin', wisecrackin' fella named Boni. He works long hours doing complex tasks for no pay. Either he still hasn't caught on that we're exploiting him, or he's actually a saint in disguise. He is also currently accepting donations of food, clothing and toiletries.



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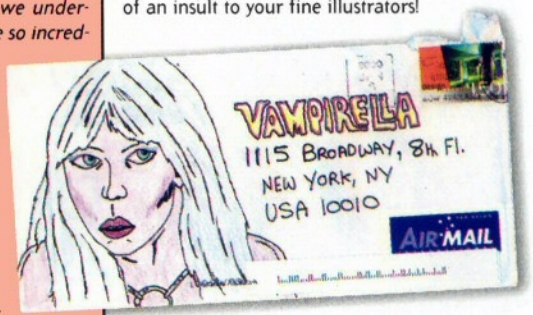
AND NOW, ON WITH THE LETTERS...

Hi to all at VAMPIRELLA!

Just wanted to drop you a quick line and let you know how much I've been enjoying your comic, which I only just started picking up quite recently. It's great to see the classic Vampirella image being wedded to modern, well-written story lines. The amount of attention paid to character interaction and development is quite impressive, and I think Dorian Cleavenger's artwork on the Pantha strip is terrific—it really attains, for me, the look and feel of vintage pulp magazine cover art... Keep up all the great work!

John Harrison
Berwick, Vic., Australia

P.S. Hope my envelope "art" is not too much of an insult to your fine illustrators!



We do try to give our stories depth and complexity, while still paying tribute to Vampirella's pulp roots. Thanks for noticing! We'd also like to invite all Dorian Cleavenger fans to reserve a space on their shelves for next month's **Vampirella/ Lady Death: The Revenge Part II.** *The book is fully painted by Dorian himself, and concludes the saga that you now hold in your hands!*

Dear Harris Comics:

Why is it that when Pantha changes back into a human her clothing is intact? In the actual werewolf legends, the clothes are ripped to shreds during the transformation and the person is naked once she or he transforms back into human form.

And why the boots? It seems every female comic character must have high boots. Why not barefoot and bare-legged? That's sexy too, besides being unique.

Sincerely,
Philip Holthoff
Prescott, Arkansas

Dear Philip.

We're sorry we misspelled your last name in Blood Type #13. but we must respectfully disagree with you regarding your letter. Pantha is not a sweaty American guy who turns into a wolf. but a sexy Egyptian gal who turns into a cat. So the rules are completely different. Plus. if she were naked when she returned to human form. she'd get arrested and so would we. You wouldn't want that. would you?

We feel very strongly that knee-high boots are sexier than bare legs. High heels or bare heels? The truth speaks for itself.

Para mi querida Vampi:

Te habla o te escribe una fanatica de Puerto Rico. Quisiera conoserte espero que un dia pueda conocerte megustaria que fuera el 9 de julio porque es mi cumpleanos tengo alrededo 25 comic. Megustan mucho en mi casa mellaman Buffy (Dicen que me paresco a ella. Mi noviao es cinta negra en artes marciales y yo se mucho tambien).

Hasta luego,
Juline Elvira Lopez
Caguas, Puerto Rico

"This would be easier if I knew how to read"

No hablamos espanol. chica. However. our Nicole is SO committed to her job that she's actually enrolled in a night course in Beginning Spanish just to answer Senorita Lopez's letter. "It might take me several years to achieve that level of fluency." Nicole warns. Hey. whatever it takes to keep our readers happy.

VAMPI FAN ART

We were surprised to receive artwork from someone who calls himself Fuzzy Elf. We were even more surprised to learn that this person was not David Bogart.

And in keeping with our proud tradition of feminism...

VAMPI FAN PHOTO

We very foolishly overlooked this entry in our website's Vampirella photo contest. Our apologies to Michael D. Ruff. who clearly went all out. His patience shall be rewarded.

VAMPI BITES & KISSES

Leon Atkinson
Matt Dow
Rodney Mango
John Ralston

next month:

IF A PICTURE'S WORTH A THOSAND WORDS...

...THAN WHAT'S FULLY PAINTED BOOK WORTH?

Vampirella...Lady Death...Dorian Cleavanger... Need we say more?!?! Join us next month for the cataclysmic comic book event...

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